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Gower Rural District Council

To the Chairman and Members of the
GOWER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Public Health Department,
Council Offices,
19/21 Uplands Crescent,
Swansea.

Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year 1969.

It will be noted that the residential population of Gower is increasing.

The residential population for the year 1969 is 16,100 compared to 15,960 for the previous year and steadily increases year by year. The foregoing is only the residential population but since Gower is an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, well known, and since people have motor cars, the public toilet facilities of the area are strained to their limits at the peak of the season.

We are constantly receiving complaints of the inadequacy of the toilet facilities.

In spite of the fact that the facilities are improved, the use of them is constantly rising so that there should be a determined effort to rectify the situation. It must be realised that adequate facilities should be provided for the peak period.

I have received the utmost co-operation from the Public Health Dept. of the Glamorgan County Council, and I wish to pay tribute to the staff of the Gower Rural District Council Public Health Dept. and thank them for their loyalty.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

G. E. DONOVAN,
Medical Officer of Health.

General Statistics

Area of District—38,652 acres

Rateable Value of the District—£401,452

Domestic Rateable Value—£328,418

Sum represented at 1d. rate—£1,715-11-8

Registrar General's estimate of resident population mid year 1969—16,100.

Extracts from Vital Statistics for the year 1969

Live Births :

	M.	F.	Total	
Legitimate	..... 132	122	254	Rate per thousand of the home population— 16.2
Illegitimate	..... 2	5	7	

Still Births

				Rate per thousand total births—
Legitimate	..... 1	—	1	4.0
Illegitimate	.... —	—	Nil	
Total live & still births	.... 135	127	262	

Death of Infants

				Rate per thousand live births—
Under 1 year	3	2	5	19.0
Under 4 weeks	3	2	5	19.0
Under 1 week	3	1	4	15.0

It will be noted that for statistical purposes I give the number of Illegitimate births. It always seems to me to be a bit of a misnomer, they should not be called "illegitimate children, but parents could rightly be called "illegitimate parents".

SOCIAL CONDITIONS AND CHIEF INDUSTRIES

Gower is an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and as such, attracts a very large influx of day visitors, holiday makers, campers and caravanners, and this creates problems, especially during the summer months. It is a great tourist centre.

Traffic problems are great, car parking presenting a particular problem.

Gower is chiefly agricultural, and apart from agriculture, the catering industry is of great importance and is fully extended during the summer. The large holiday population naturally attracting mobile confectionery caterers.

The North-East Gower end of the Peninsula is mainly industrial and accommodates light engineering and plastics factories, and with 7 cockle sterilization factories operating in Penclawdd, an industry which must be safeguarded by adequate public health control.

AREA AND POPULATION

The District is divided into 17 parishes, the acreage of each parish being as follows :—

Bishopston	.....	.....	2598	acres
Llanmadoc	.....	.....	1463	„
Cheriton	.....	.....	1427	„
Ilston	.....	.....	3109	„
Reynoldston	.....	.....	1069	„
Knelston	.....	.....	548	„
Llangennith	.....	.....	3373	„
Llanrhidian Higher	.....	.....	5212	„
Llanrhidian Lower	.....	.....	6125	„
Nicholaston	.....	.....	517	„
Penmaen	.....	.....	1005	„
Oxwich	.....	.....	1342	„
Pennard	2862	„
Penrice	2127	„
Porteynon	1151	„
Llanddewi	2009	„
Rhossili	2715	„
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POPULATION

The estimated resident population of the district mid-year 1969 is given by the Registrar General as 16,100, an increase of 140 from the previous year.

The total number of live births (legitimate and illegitimate) registered for 1969 was 261—134 males and 127 females. In 1968, 256 were registered, showing an increase of 5

BIRTH RATE

The live birth rate for 1969 is 16.2 per thousand home population, as compared with a rate of 16.0 in 1968. The figure given for England & Wales is 16.3.

STILL BIRTHS

There was 1 male legitimate still birth representing a rate of 4.0 per thousand total live births.

There were no illegitimate still births

DEATH OF INFANTS

			Illegitimate	Legitimate
Under 1 year of age	....	....	5	—
Under 4 weeks of age	.....	.....	5	—
Under 1 week of age	...	....	4	—

INFANT MORTALITY RATE

The infant mortality rate is higher this year being 19.0 per thousand live births as compared with 8.0 in 1968

There were no maternal deaths in 1969

DEATHS

Total deaths from all causes amounted to 195, of which 100 were males and 95 females.

The causes of death during the year were as follows:—

	Male	Female
Tuberculosis of the Respiratory system	—	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	5	1
" " intestine	2	—
" " lung, bronchus	4	—
" " breast	—	4
" " uterus	—	1
" " prostate	1	—
Leukaemia	—	1
Other malignant neoplasms, etc.	3	4
Diabetes Mellitus	1	—
Other Endocrine etc. Diseases	—	1
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1	1
Hypertensive Disease	1	4
Ischaemic Heart Disease	34	17
Other Forms of Heart Disease	7	18
Cerebrovascular Disease	9	9
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	2	12
Influenza	2	—
Pneumonia	4	2
Bronchitis & Emphysema	10	1
Asthma	1	—
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	2
Intestinal Obstruction & Hernia.....	1	—
Other Diseases of Digestive System	—	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	—
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	1	1
Diseases of skin, subcutaneous tissue	—	1
Congenital anomalies	2	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	2	—
Other causes of perinatal mortality	—	1
Symptoms & Ill-Defined Conditions	1	8
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3	—
Suicide & Self-Inflicted Injuries	1	2
All other external causes	—	1
Total deaths all causes	100	95

DEATH RATE

The death rate, all causes, of the estimated population is 12.1, showing an increase from the previous year when it was 10.7, the rate for the Administrative County is given as 13.3.

The ratio of local adjusted death rate to national rate is 1.13 as compared with 1.01 in 1968.

There was 1 death from Respiratory Tuberculosis which at one time was looked upon as a killer but now supplanted by Lung Cancer mainly attributed to cigarette smoking.

The deaths from Lung Cancer numbered 4 a decrease from 1968 when 9 deaths were registered, and deaths from all other forms of cancer amounted to 22. In 1968 there were 30 deaths (all causes of cancer).

The greatest killers of all are diseases classified as diseases under the circulatory system, they caused 115 deaths out of a total of 195 deaths all causes.

Moderate diet and exercise to keep down overweight would greatly help to reduce the great mortality due to this group.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The number of cases of infectious diseases notified to the department for the year 1969 were as follows:-

	Male	Female	Total
Measles	4	1	5
Dysentery	1	1	2

This is the best record for numerous years.

VENEREAL DISEASES

Blood Tests are being done as a routine in the County Council Ante-Natal Clinics.

The nearest clinics for this area are at Swansea and Port Talbot, and the sessions are held as follows:—

Swansea Clinic (situate at Mount Pleasant Hospital)

Males : Monday : 9—12 noon.
Tuesday : 2—4 p.m.
Wednesday : 5—7 p.m.

Females : Tuesday : 9—12 noon
Thursday : 3—5 p.m.

Port Talbot Clinic (situate on the right hand side of the road immediately opposite the exit from the Railway Station).

Males : Monday : 5 p.m.—7 p.m.
Thursday : 10 a.m.—12.30 p.m.

Females : Monday : 2 p.m.—4 p.m.
Wednesday : 10 a.m.—12.30 p.m.

GLAMORGAN (ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY)—VITAL STATISTICS, 1969

	Estimated Population 1969	Live Births			Ratio of local A.J. Rate to National Rate	Deaths			Rate of local A.J. Death Rate to National Rate
		Number of Live Births	Rate per 1000 population			Number of Deaths	Rate per 1000 population		
			Crude	Adjusted			Crude	Adjusted	
England and Wales	..	797,542	16.3	—	—	579,463	11.9	—	—
Administrative County	..	48,826,800	16.3	16.8	1.03	9,872	13.3	15.2	1.27
Urban Districts	..	744,910	16.3	16.0	0.98	7,152	13.7	15.5	1.30
Rural Districts	..	523,220	15.5	18.6	1.14	2,720	12.3	14.1	1.19
Health Division	..	221,690	18.2	18.6	1.14	2,720	12.3	14.1	1.19
Constituent Districts	..	4,038	18.2	18.6	1.14	2,720	12.3	14.1	1.19
Aberdare and Mountain Ash	..	650	17.0	18.5	1.14	661	17.3	17.5	1.47
Caerphilly and Gelligaer.	..	449	16.0	16.0	0.98	398	14.1	16.9	1.42
Mid Glamorgan	..	797	20.0	19.6	1.20	430	10.8	13.5	1.13
	..	606	17.6	17.6	1.08	447	13.0	16.9	1.42
	..	190	12.5	12.9	0.79	186	12.2	13.1	1.10
	..	357	16.8	17.5	1.07	268	12.6	15.5	1.30
	..	330	16.3	16.8	1.03	256	12.7	15.6	1.31
	..	185	13.8	16.3	1.00	176	13.1	10.5	0.88
	..	1,028	20.6	19.8	1.21	674	13.5	13.0	1.09
Neath and District	..	380	12.8	13.3	0.82	443	14.9	16.1	1.35
Pontypridd and Llantrisant	..	637	15.7	16.3	1.00	562	13.8	16.7	1.40
Port Talbot and Glyncorrwg	..	727	21.9	22.6	1.38	392	11.8	15.9	1.34
South East Glamorgan	..	539	15.4	15.7	0.96	532	15.2	15.7	1.32
	..	172	18.4	17.8	1.09	105	11.2	16.1	1.36
	..	50,970	13.9	13.8	0.84	655	12.9	17.2	1.44
	..	42,500	15.3	15.8	0.97	486	11.4	12.3	1.03
	..	29,080	20.8	19.1	1.17	310	10.7	11.6	0.97
	..	38	26.6	26.3	1.62	10	7.0	7.3	0.61
	..	401	17.4	19.8	1.22	149	6.5	11.4	0.96
	..	23,000	17.4	19.8	1.22	149	6.5	11.4	0.96
	..	23,120	14.9	16.1	0.99	277	12.0	11.2	0.94
West Glamorgan	..	345	14.9	16.1	0.99	277	12.0	11.2	0.94
	..	261	16.2	17.0	1.04	195	12.1	13.4	1.13
	..	16,100	16.2	17.0	1.04	195	12.1	13.4	1.13
	..	380	14.6	15.6	0.96	372	14.3	15.6	1.31
	..	29,640	12.8	14.5	0.89	438	14.8	16.2	1.28
Rhondda M.B.	..	378	12.8	14.5	0.89	438	14.8	16.2	1.28
	..	1,352	14.3	14.7	0.90	1,450	15.4	17.2	1.45

	Infant Mortality		Perinatal Mortality		Stillbirths	
	Deaths under one year	Rate per 1000 live births	Still births and deaths under one week	Rate per 1000 live and still births	No. of still births	Stillbirths rate per 1000 total births
England and Wales	14397	18	18894	23	10662	13
Administrative County	248	20	366	30	205	17
Urban Districts	179	22	257	31	145	18
Rural Districts	70	17	109	27	60	15
<i>Health Division</i>						
<i>Constituent Districts</i>						
Aberdare and	13	20	21	32	11	17
Mountain Ash	11	24	16	35	10	22
Caerphilly and	20	25	29	36	16	20
Gelligaer	16	26	17	27	13	21
Mid Glamorgan	3	16	1	5	—	—
	7	20	12	33	7	19
	8	24	11	33	4	12
	3	16	10	52	8	41
	20	19	36	34	21	20
Neath and	9	24	9	23	5	13
District	13	20	17	26	8	12
Pontypridd and	16	22	23	31	14	19
Llantrisant	12	22	21	38	13	24
Port Talbot and	7	41	9	51	4	23
Glyncorrwg	13	18	23	32	13	18
South East	10	15	13	20	6	9
Glamorgan	9	15	14	23	7	11
	1	26	3	75	2	50
	2	5	7	17	5	12
	4	12	6	17	3	9
West Glamorgan	5	19	5	19	1	4
	9	24	16	41	10	26
	5	13	7	18	4	10
Rhondda M.B.	32	24	40	29	20	15

ANALYSIS OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis) for 1969

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DISEASES	NUMBER OF CASES									Total number of cases admitted to Isolation Hospital	Total Deaths
	AGE PERIODS										
	Total at all Ages	Under 1 Year	1 to 2	3 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 24	25 and over	Age un- known		
Measles	5	—	1	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	—

TUBERCULOSIS

2 cases of Respiratory Tuberculosis were notified during the year 1969. One male aged 56 and 1 child (female) aged 3. Both were removed to hospital and subsequently discharged.

2 cases of Non-Respiratory Tuberculosis were notified — 1 male aged 47 and 1 female aged 49.

From 1959 to 1969 the number of deaths from Respiratory Tuberculosis in the Gower area numbers 10, and for the same period there were 4 deaths from other forms of Tuberculosis.

Tuberculosis Clinics—The curative treatment of Tuberculosis is in the care of the Regional Hospital Board, and patients suffering from this disease attend the Clinic at the New Hospital Singleton Park, Swansea.

Poliomyelitis. Mass immunisation against poliomyelitis is being done. The driving force behind this is the public health department of Glamorgan County Council. It is hoped eventually to combat this disease.

This is a good illustration of "Prevention is better than cure".

LUNG CANCER

There were 4 deaths due to Lung Cancer during 1969, all males.

Other forms of cancer caused 22 deaths—11 males and 11 females. In 1968 there were 30 deaths.

Over the past ten years there have been 61 deaths due to Lung Cancer as compared with 10 deaths from Respiratory Tuberculosis.

TUBERCULOSIS **NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1969**

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Age Periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory M.	Respiratory F.	Non-Respiratory M.	Non-Respiratory F.	Respiratory M.	Respiratory F.	Non-Respiratory M.	Non-Respiratory F.
Under 5	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—34	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—54	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
55—64	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Age Unknown	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	1	1	1	1	1	—	—	—

COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES

The Gower and Llwchwr Areas

The County Council are responsible for the following health service in the area.

- Health Centres
- Care of mothers and young children
- Midwifery
- Health Visiting
- Home Nursing
- Vaccination and immunisation
- Ambulance service
- Prevention of illness, care and after care
- Home help service
- Mental Health
- Food and drugs

Clinics

There is a very modern clinic premises at Murton, Bishopston. General Practitioners are given accommodation facilities. The usual local authority facilities are given by Glamorgan County Council.

Care of mothers and young children

Ante-natal and infant welfare clinics continue to be held at centres throughout the area.

The Ambulance Service

The ambulance service is administered by the county council. A re-organisation of the service took place during 1965. The main control for the area is at Neath, but there are ambulance stations at Gorseinon and Pontardawe and a sub-station at Reynoldston.

Prevention of illness, care and aftercare

The services covered under this heading include :—

(i)—Chiropody facilities are available both at home and at clinics in the area.

(ii)—Health Education

(iii)—Fluoridation of water supplies—The supplies in our area are not fluoridated.

Fluoridation is very desirable to prevent dental caries.

(iv)—Early detection of cervical cancer. West Glamorgan was a pioneer of a cervical cytology service, facilities were available at Bishopston.

(v)—Provision of medical comforts. These can be obtained from the divisional health office, and district nurses have a limited supply of the smaller items.

Mental Health

The County Council have a junior training centre for the sub-normal at Penllergaer. Hostel facilities are available in other parts of the county for those with unsatisfactory home conditions. Hostel facilities are also provided for adult sub-normals.

Mentally ill patients are admitted when necessary to Cefn Coed Hospital, Swansea, but every effort is made to enable them to remain in the community if possible and to this end the county council maintain a staff of health welfare officers who give support to these patients.

Home Help Service

This service continues to give valuable assistance particularly to the aged. It is administered from the divisional health office under the control of the divisional medical officer and in September, 1966, for the first time a full time supervisor for the area was appointed.

Food and drugs

The County Council are the food and drugs authority for the area, being responsible for ensuring that the quality and composition of foods sold in the area are properly maintained.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no Common Lodging Houses in the Gower area

PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS, 1925

No action was taken under this regulation during the year 1969, relating to Tubercular employees in the milk trade.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936, SECTION 172

No action was taken under this Section during the year 1969.

Hospitals—The Gorseinon General and Maternity Hospital, Garngoch Hospital, Fairwood Hospital and Stouthall Convalescent Home are under the control of the Glantawe Hospital Management Committee.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946

Ambulance Facilities :—

Since the 5th July 1948, the Glamorgan County Council have taken over control of the ambulance services in the administrative county.

As regards this area, an Ambulance Station is established at Neath, which controls the ambulances and cars stationed at Reynoldston, and also some neighbouring Authorities.

Laboratory Facilities—Pathological and bacteriological specimens are submitted to the Cardiff Laboratory and the Public Health Laboratory, Cockett, Swansea, for examination.

HOUSING, 1969

- 1 The number of houses demolished or closed as a result of:
 - (a) compulsory purchase and clearance orders;

	(b) individual demolition and closing orders.	4
2	The number of people rehoused as a result of:—	
	(a) compulsory purchase and clearance orders;	—
	(b) individual demolition and closing orders.	13
3	(a) the number of private dwellings improved with grant aid;	35
	(b) the number of houses-flatlets built for old people.	—
4	A note of action taken by this authority to declare improvement areas and deal with housing under multiple occupation under the provisions of the Housing Act, 1964	None
5	(a) number of houses completed by this authority and occupied during 1969	None
	(b) number of houses completed by this authority and occupied since 1918.	447
6	The number of houses completed by private enterprise, building societies, etc. during 1969	133

**Samples taken in the Gower Rural District by the
County Sampling Officers for the year 1969**

Almonds (ground) ..	1	Pepper	1
Aspirins/Pain Relief Tabs.	7	Pickles	3
Baby Food	1	Pie Filling	1
Butter	6	Rice Pudding	2
Cake, Pastry Mix etc.	2	Salts	2
Cheese Spread	1	Sauces	3
Chocolate Drink	1	Semolina	1
Condensed Milk	1	Soft Drinks	9
Cooking Fat/Oil	1	Soft Drinks Powder	1
Cream ..	5	Soup (Canned)	1
Curry Powder	3	Spices	1
Dessert Powder	1	Stomach Powder	2
Fish	4	Sweets	1
Flavouring ..	1	Syrup of Figs.....	1
Fruit (Canned)	1	Table Jelly	1
Fruit Juice ..	2	Tea ..	1
Gravy Browning ..	2	Vegetables (Canned)	2
Honey	4	Vegetables (Spread)	1
Ice Cream	6	Vinegar ..	4
Jam	3	Vitamin Tabs., Drugs & Cough Medicine, etc.	11
Lard	1	Caraway Seeds	1
Marmalade	1	Laxatives	1
Marzipan	1	Savoury Snacks	3
Meat Products	14	Skimmed Milk	1
Milk	97		

A total of 222 samples taken.

CARAVAN SITES

There were 28 holiday caravan sites licenced at the end of the year involving the siting of some 1776 caravans, and the numbers per site ranged from 1 to 245 caravans.

The largest concentration of caravans—645 contained in 3 sites—are stationed in North Gower between Llangennith and Llanmadoc, and the remaining heavy concentrations are sited at Port Eynon and Horton—465, Oxwich—328.

During the past year, the problems of tented camping sites has been rapidly increasing and has now become a serious problem further aggravated by the popularity of tourer caravans.

The popularity of the Gower area for caravanners and campers is increasing.

Authorised caravan sites are filled to capacity with static caravans and there are limited sites for short stay holiday makers. As a result of this, visitors with tourer caravans and tents are making use of any land, often near authorised sites where the owner will let them stay, this naturally results in temporary camps being established intermittently over widely scattered areas thereby becoming a great problem.

There is no doubt that this type of visitor will continue to come to Gower in large numbers during the Summer months and schools holidays and since, individually they are usually travelling fully equipped with portable sanitary facilities the necessity for specific legislation and co-ordination with planning provisions is becoming more urgent.

Two tented camping sites have been licenced in the Oxwich area and are capable of accomodating 145 tents.

The following are the licenced caravan sites within the area:—

<i>Holiday Sites</i>	<i>Caravans permitted</i>
F. G. Bevan, Bayholme, Oxwich	.....10
Islwyn J. & Audrey Bennett Westernside Farm, Horton	.....40
Mrs. P. Brown, Plimmers Field, Pennard	..... 1
E. G. Chappel, Briarwood Farm, Knelston.	.....20
W. T. Cross Adjoining Hilland Caravan Site, Llangennith	.....2
T. E. Gordon, Greenway Farm, Oxwich	.....100
D. A. Griffiths, Culver House, Port Eynon	.....11
J. W. Grove, Port Eynon Burrows	.....86
W. R. Jenkins, Port Eynon Burrows	.....92
W. & E. Grove, Post Office, Port Eynon	.....82

Caravan Sites—Continued

D. G. Lewis, Sea View Caravan Site, Oxwich	.....	.....	118
Loosemore, Caravan Site New Park, Port Eynon	.....	.....	.....58
Rhoda M. Morris & Heather A. Shefford, Broughton Bay, Llangennith	.....	.....	.....200
J. Mumby, Horton Farm, Horton	.....	.....	..... 7
Nuttalls Caravan Field Horton Ltd. Horton Burrows, Enclosure 452		.....	.....40
J. Oliver Green Meadow Farm, Oxwich	.....	.....	100
G. E. Rees, Hillend, Llangennith	.....	.....	200
E. Richards, Horton Burrows	.....	.....	.....55
E. Richards, Bank Farm, Horton	.....	.....	.....43
Messrs. Hugmer Ltd., Scurlage Caravan Park, Scurlage	.....	.....	.....112
E. Solomon, Brynmoel Farm, Upper Killay	.....	.....	.....90
St. Donats Holiday Estates Ltd, Lagadranta, Llanmadoc	.....	.....	245
Leonard Smith, Norton Farm, Oxwich	.....	.....	..... 5
Roger Taylor, Fairfield, Southgate	.....	.....	.....56
N. Tucker, The Beeches, Horton	.....	.....	..... 7
T. J. Tucker, Norton Farm, Oxwich	.....	.....	..... 3
T. Williams, Cliffside Guest House, Oxwich	.....	.....	..... 4
J. F. Williams Nr. Ivy Cottage, Nicholaston	.....	.....	..... 1

*Residential Sites**Caravans Permitted*

Brilroad Investment Co. Ltd., Cannisland Caravan Park, Parkmill	.....	..... 45
W. F. Heaton, Healcot, Heal Lane, Pennard	.....	..... 1
E. Soloman, Brynmoel Farm, Upper Killay	.....	..... 1

Licenced Tented Camping Sites

T. E. Gordon, Greenway Farm, Oxwich	.....	..... 70 tents
D. G. Lewis, Sea View, Oxwich	.....	..... 75 tents

PUBLIC TOILET FACILITIES

The public toilet facilities in the Gower area are inadequate especially during the holiday season.

In the past they have been the subject of complaint because of design and size. However, the facilities are being steadily improved.

The new toilet block at Rhossili has been completed and brought into service.

The facilities provided here are now improved and complaints have been received only in the case of mechanical breakdowns.

It is expected that Horton and Parkmill will be included in future.

At Oxwich, privately owned toilet blocks on the car park appear to be adequate even during the very busy holiday periods.

Whilst full time attendants are not employed at each public convenience they are under constant supervision and cleaned daily.

Between October and Easter the new toilet blocks will probably be opened only at weekends, but again will be under constant supervision.

Present Situation

Port Eynon	... New public toilet block
Rhossili	... New public toilet block
Horton	Proposals to build new public block
Parkmill	Proposals to build new public block
Penclawdd	Existing public toilet block
Oxwich	Privately owned toilet blocks
Pennard	Existing public toilet block

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

As required by Section 153 (1) of the Factories Act, 1961, I give below particulars with respect to matters under Part I and Part 8 of the Act as administered by this Council.

1—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspec- tions (3)	Written notices (4)	Occup'rs prose- cuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	3	7	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	25	39	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	14	37	—	—
Total	42	83	—	—

2—Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspect- or (4)	By H.M. Inspect- or (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	3	2	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable tempera- ture (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	2	1	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	—	1	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not includ- offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
Total	5	4	—	—	—

Summary of Visits

Number of Houses inspected	.....	98
Number of Houses re-visited	.....	53
Number of temporary dwellings inspected	.....	34
Caravan and Camping Sites	.....	135
House-letting	.....	48
Food premises	.....	59
Cafes, Hotels and Licensed Premises	.....	164
Mobile Shops	.....	10
Schools and School Kitchens	.....	20
Cockle and Laverbread Manufacturers	.....	14
Slaughterhouses	.....	417
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act	.....	41
Dairy premises	.....	31
Water supplies	.....	12
Drainage and Sewage disposal	.....	57
Drains tested	.....	18
Public Conveniences	.....	42
Refuse Disposal etc.	.....	52
Infectious Diseases	.....	56
Rat Infestation	.....	20
Petroleum Stations	.....	44
Animal Boarding Establishments	.....	7
Owners and Contractors interviewed	.....	52
Other visits	.....	91

Notices

Number of Statutory Notices served	.....	14
Number of Statutory Notices complied with	...	9
Number of Informal Notices served	..	75
Number of Informal Notices complied with	...	63

Clearance areas and Individual Unfit Houses

Action taken under the Housing Acts & Public Health Act for the period ending 31st December, 1969.

			No. of houses	No. of persons displaced
Part A.—Houses Demolished Not in Clearance Area	.....	.....	—	—
As a result of formal or informal procedure under Sec. 16 or 17(1), Housing Act 1957	.....	.....	4	12
Part B.—Unfit Houses Closed				
Under Housing Act, 1957	.....	.....	1	2
Part E.—Unfit Houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied.			By Owner.	Local Authority
After informal action by Local Authority	.....		7	—
After formal notice under Public Health Act			4	—
" " " Housing Act, 1957			—	—

WATER SUPPLY

The number of dwelling houses and the population in each parish which are supplied from the public water mains are listed below.

	Number supplied directly into house		Number supplied by stand pipe outside house		Number not supplied by S.P. or directly to house	
	Dwell. houses	Popu-lation	Dwell. houses	Popu-lation	Dwell. houses	Popu-lation
Bishopston	1387	4574	30	104	60	191
Cheriton	45	139	—	—	—	—
Ilston	88	282	9	19	—	—
Knelston	25	72	1	2	—	—
Llandewi	50	197	—	—	—	—
Llangennith	103	283	5	23	12	19
Llanmadoc	65	178	4	6	5	9
Llanrhidian (Higher)	1628	5385	18	84	—	—
Llanrhidian (Lower)	276	879	22	48	9	14
Nicholaston	30	91	—	—	—	—
Oxwich	60	203	—	—	—	—
Pennard	742	1918	30	100	67	141
Penmaen	55	150	—	—	—	—
Penrice	83	222	13	27	—	—
Port Eynon	83	234	—	—	1	1
Reynoldston	107	277	7	11	6	15
Rhossili	105	346	—	—	—	—
	4932	15430	139	424	160	390
Total Population			16244			
Total separate dwell. houses			5232			

WATER SAMPLING

Samples of water were taken for bacteriological examination the number and results of the examination were as follows :—

	No. of Samples	Piped Supply			
		Chlorinated Sat.	Unsat.	at Source Sat.	Unsat.
Bacteriological	41	34	3	3	1

The bacteriologist's report on the above unsatisfactory samples showed "evidence of inadequate chlorination". The subsequent samples at the same source proved satisfactory.

Reservoirs

Below is a list of reservoirs showing their capacity ; the water in all instances is chlorinated before going into supply.

Cefn Bryn (Ex-Parkmill)	.....	.....	1,000,000	Gals.
Hotwell	.....	.....	30,000	do.
Holywell	.....	.....	37,500	do.
Pitton	.....	.....	60,000	do.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The topography of Gower peninsula allows for small villages often near the coast and sandy beaches, and the influx of summer visitors to these villages and beaches is of such an extent during the summer months that the necessity of adequate public facilities such as public sewers and sewage disposal systems cannot be overemphasised.

The Public Sewage disposal systems are now in operation at Penclawdd, Crofty, Llanmorlais, Llanrhidian, Port Eynon, Horton and Overton.

The Bishopston and Kittle scheme has been completed and brought into service.

The work at Reynoldston has been completed and is in service.

The scheme for Llangennith and Llanmadoc has been commenced and is progressing satisfactorily.

Additional sewerage schemes are prepared for Oxwich and Rhossili.

With the exception of the Port Eynon, Horton and Overton system which is partially treated, that is, screened, settled and effluent discharged below low tide level, all other existing and future schemes are designed for full treatment prior to discharge to adjacent sea washed outfall points.

FOOD AND DRUGS

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960

The following gives details of the food premises which are subject to the above Regulations and categorised according to the trade carried on in them :—

Trade	No. of Premises	No. Provided with wash-hand basins. Reg. 16	Prov. of wash-up sinks	
			Premises applicable	No. Provided with wash-up sinks
Bakehouses	2	2	2	2
Boarding houses	8	8	8	8
Butchers	9	8	9	8
Cafes & Restaurants	15	15	15	15
Clubs	10	10	10	10
Confectioners & Tobacconists	11	10	11	11
Fish & Chips	2	2	2	2
Green Grocery	2	—	2	2
Grocery & General Stores	61	57	61	57
Hostels	3	3	3	3
Hotels	4	4	4	4
Institutions	2	2	2	2
Laverbread manufacturers	3	3	3	3
Public Houses	23	23	23	23
Shell fish processing	7	5	7	6
	162	152	162	156

Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959

The following is the number of Registered Distributors and Dairies.

Registered Distributors

Dairymen 7)	28
Retail Distributors 21)	

Registered Dairies 7

MILK SAMPLES—Brucella abortus

Number of samples of raw milk examined	.....	127
„ „ positive samples found	.....	30
„ „ herds affected ..	.....	6

During the year milk sampling has been concentrated mainly at dairy farm premises licenced for the sale of Untreated Milk.

In circumstances where positive evidence of brucella abotrus has been obtained the relevant procedure under the Food and Drugs Act has been adopted, and the appropriate dairyman advised to consult his veterinary practitioner.

As a result, in the six known affected herds the infected animals were removed for slaughter, and the clearing of the remaining 3 herds is in process.

Raw milk samples will still be submitted for examination from both Untreated and wholesale sources of production.

**CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE
OR IN PART**

Description	Cattle In- cluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number killed	3329	—	401	23848	10635
Number inspected	3329	—	401	23848	10635
All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci					
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	26	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	2385	—	—	6933	1300
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	77·1%	—	—	20·7%	12·2%
Tuberculosis only					
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	7
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	·066%
Cysticercosis					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	8	—	—	—	—
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	8	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—

RODENT CONTROL

The following is a summary of the inspections made, and the treatment carried out by the rodent operator for the year ending 31st December, 1969.

		TYPE OF PROPERTY	
		Non- Agricultural	Agricultural
Properties other than Sewers			
1.	No. of properties in district	5507	321
2.	a. Total No. of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	226	—
	b. No. infested by Rats	211	—
	„ „ „ Mice	11	—
3.	a. Total No. of properties inspected for rats/or mice for reasons other than notification	7	10
	b. No. infested by rats	7	3
	„ „ „ mice	—	—
Sewers			
4.	Infestations discovered	—	—



